Project areas because the tribal people will be happy and thank him. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Shri Kapil Sibal requested that he may be permitted to make his statement now. If the House so agrees, I would allow him.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes, Sir.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTER

Status of implementation of the recommendations contained in Reports of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): Sir, I make statements regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Hundred and twenty-seventh, Hundred and forty-first, Hundred and forty-ninth, Hundred and fifty-seventh and Hundred and fifty-eighth Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests.

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SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI (Maharashtra): Thank you, Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir. The Chair cannot help it; I belong to a smaller party and, therefore, I am always at the fag end of any debate. Inspite of that I generally have some new light to throw and some new paradigms to bring in on the subject.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Last but not the least.

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Thank you very much, Sir.

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.]

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Sir, here, since the debate began, everybody has accepted the fact that the situation of tigers is extremely critical and something needs to be done. Everybody has generally agreed with the idea of creating an authority, giving it the